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This is a request for filing a

[] Continuation [X] Divisional (parent not abandoned) of application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 08/957,068, filed October 24, 1997

for [Title]: DECORATIVE SHEET, SHEET-DECORATED MOLDING AND SHEET-DECORATING
MOLDING METHOD

by [Inventors]: Hiroyuki ATAKE

1. [X] A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.

2. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
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Basic Fee \$760.00 (*385.00)

Attorney Docket No.:

Prior Application:

Art Unit: 1732

Examiner: Edmund Lee

Total claims 4 -20 = 0 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) = Independent claims 2 - 3 = 0 x \$78.00 (*39.00) = Total Filing Fee..... = \$760.00

3. [] A check in the amount of \$760.00 is enclosed (Ck#_11960_).

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 16-0331. TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE ENCLOSED.

- 4. [X] Cancel in this application original claims 7 and 8 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
- 5. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a [] Continuation [X] Division of application Serial No. 08/957,068 filed October 24, 1997.--

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- 6. [] Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.
- 7. [] New [] Formal [] Informal drawings are enclosed: Fig(s). .
- 8. [X] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 288014/1996 filed October 30, 1996 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 - [X] The certified copy was filed in prior application No. 08/957,068 on December 10, 1997.
 - [] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
- 9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to <u>DAI NIPPON PRINTING</u> <u>CO., LTD.</u> Recorded at Reel <u>8878</u>, Frame <u>0660</u>.
- 10. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
 - [X] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - [] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - [X] c. Address all future communications to

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11. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.

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- 12. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- *13. [] Small entity status was established in the parent application via a verified statement filed on ______.

Respectfully submitted,

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